



Illinois
Department of Commerce
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EXHIBIT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AT ***MSPO International Defense Industry Exhibition*** ***September 6 – 9, 2016 in Kielce, Poland***

Informational Conference Call
Thursday, May 19th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Illinois is uniquely positioned to benefit from new opportunities in Poland's defense sector. The Office of Trade and Investment will assist Illinois companies with trade show and travel logistics as well as business networking. If you are interested in learning more, please plan on calling in to the below event:

We will be joined by Bill Czajkowski, Commercial Attaché and Zofia Sobiepanek-Kukuryka, Commercial Specialist at the US Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. Our speakers will provide the participants with an up to date overview about the Polish market and discuss the opportunities in the defense/military industry sector.

Poland Quick Facts

Population 38 million

Largest Market in Central Europe

Strategically located between new EU and old EU-15 countries

Real GDP growth of 3.5% forecasted for 2016, and 2017

The MSPO International Defense Industry Exhibition is the largest annual event for the defense and security industries in Central and Eastern Europe, and one of Europe's three largest trade shows (after Paris and London) dedicated to the defense sector. Each year, the MSPO features an accompanying event, International Logistics Exhibition, LOGISTYKA held at the MSPO fair grounds, which is dedicated to border control, police and firefighting activities. The MSPO is held annually in Kielce (south east Poland) at the beginning of September. Over the years, the MSPO exhibition area has grown from a single pavilion to six spacious modern pavilions taking a total space of over 27,000 square meters plus an outdoor exhibition area.

The show attracts buyers from throughout the region and represents an excellent venue for U.S. companies in these sectors. Participation in the MSPO and accompanying conferences and seminars is a very effective avenue for promotion in Poland and its neighbors including Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Ukraine, and the Baltic States. The 2015 event, attended by the President of Poland, Deputy Prime Minister - Polish Defense Minister, Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Polish Minister of Treasury, Chief of the National Security Office, and senior leaders of the Polish armed forces, was a great success and showed vast potential - 580 exhibitors from 30 countries and over 19,600 visitors including 66 foreign delegations.

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Please RSVP by May 13, 2016 | A call-in line will be provided to interested participants